

Fond du Lac County Health Department (FCHD) and Agnesian HealthCare COVID-19 Vaccine Weekly Update

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Who is currently eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine?

Current eligible populations

- Frontline health care personnel (1a)
- Residents in skilled nursing and long-term care (1a)
- Police and fire personnel, correctional staff (1b)
- Adults ages 65 and older (1b)

Next eligible populations beginning March 1, in priority order:

- **Education and child care (FCHD Priority Focus 3/1)**
- Individuals enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs*
- Some public-facing essential workers*
- Non-frontline essential health care personnel*
- Facility staff and residents in congregate living settings*

**Following groups should anticipate receiving vaccine April - May*

- **(NEW)** [On Feb. 25, Wisconsin Department of Health Services \(WI DHS\) announced](#) the next eligible groups listed above will be eligible for COVID-19 vaccine starting March 1. Due to the limited supply of vaccine doses, people 65 and older, educators, and child care workers will be prioritized for the vaccine. See more information on the [priority populations listed above here](#).

Vaccination Efforts

Frontline Health Care Personnel, Long-Term Care, and Police, Fire, and Correctional Personnel

- Moving forward Fond du Lac County Health Department (FCHD) will schedule vaccination appointments for individuals who are eligible within [phase 1a](#) and phase 1b (police, fire, and correctional personnel) as needed and based on vaccine supply. If you believe you fall into one of these categories, please call the health department at 920-929-3085 ext 4.
- The [Federal Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program](#) continues to provide vaccination services to residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities participating in the program.

Vaccinations for adults 65 and older

- The Health Department held three mass clinics for this group, vaccinating over 2,800 individuals. Moving forward, public health is no longer scheduling appointments for adults age 65 and older. Individuals in this age group should visit their health care provider's website for details on COVID-19 vaccination.
- **Feb. 3, Agnesian HealthCare began vaccinating patients age 65 and older. To schedule an appointment, eligible patients can call (920) 926-8400. The hotline is available daily from 7am-5pm.**
 - Patients interested in receiving the vaccine can visit agnesian.com/covid19 and complete a vaccine interest form to be notified when appointments will be available specifically for their age group. Preregistration will not guarantee an immediate appointment; it will help Agnesian HealthCare in notifying individuals on how to schedule an appointment once they are eligible.
- We understand that many people are eager to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. We ask for everyone's patience as we schedule vaccinations for eligible community members.

Education and Child Care (Anticipate March - April)

- **(NEW)** Starting March 1, FCHD will be focusing vaccination efforts on next eligible groups in priority order, starting with Educators and Child Care. The health department has been in contact with organizations and schools who are eligible within this group. If your organization has not been reached out to by that health department, please contact us at 920-929-3085 Ext 4. If you are employed by an entity within this group, please know your employer will share vaccination information when available.

Educator and Child Care group includes:

- All staff in regulated child care, public and private school programs, out-of-school time programs, virtual learning support, and community learning center programs.
- All staff in Boys and Girls Clubs and YMCAs.
- All staff in preschool and Head Start through K-12 education settings.
- Faculty and staff in higher education settings who have direct student contact.

Other Groups Eligible as of March 1

- **(NEW)** Although the groups listed below are now eligible per WI DHS, FCHD will not be vaccinating these groups at this time. FCHD will share an update when we will begin vaccinating the next group in priority order. However, FCHD is collecting preliminary information from employers and organizations that employ staff who fit into these groups and for individuals enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs. See next bullet.
 - **(NEW) Vaccine Interest Form Available** - Individuals enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs and organizations with employees who fall into these next set of groups, please complete this [vaccine interest form](#). If you believe your organization has employees who fall into these next set of groups, please **designate only one person** from your agency to fill out the form. When it is time for your group to be vaccinated, we will contact your organization with next steps to register for public health vaccination clinics. This form does not guarantee a vaccine appointment.
- **(NEW)** Although the groups listed below are now eligible per WI DHS, Agnesian HealthCare and SSM Health will not be vaccinating these groups at this time. Agnesian HealthCare, as a member of SSM Health, will share an update when we will begin vaccinating the next group in priority order. However, patients can visit our web site and complete an interest form ([agnesian.com/covid19](https://www.agnesian.com/covid19))
- **(New)** Please take any and all opportunities to get vaccinated as they become available to you. Find other COVID-19 vaccination opportunities at [WI DHS's Map of COVID-19 Vaccine Providers](#).

Individuals Enrolled in Medicaid Long-Term Care Programs (Anticipate April - May)

- Members of Family Care and Family Care Partnership
- Participants in IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-Direct)
- Children ages 16 years and older in the following programs:
 - Children's Long-Term Support Waiver Program
 - Katie Beckett Program
 - Children's Community Options Program (CCOP)
 - Children Come First
 - Wrap Around Milwaukee
 - Children with Medical Complexity Program

Some Public Facing Essential Workers (Anticipate April - May)

- **911 operators**
- **Utility and communications infrastructure**
 - Workers who cannot socially distance and are responsible for the fundamental processes and facilities that ensure electric, natural gas, steam, water, wastewater, internet, and telecommunications services are built, maintained, generated, distributed, and delivered to customers.
- **Public Transit**
 - Drivers who have frequent close contact with members of the public, limited to:
 - public and commercial intercity bus transportation services
 - municipal public transit services
 - those employed by specialized transit services for seniors, disabled persons, and low-income persons
- **Food Supply Chain**
 - Agricultural production workers, such as farm owners and other farm employees.
 - Critical workers who provide on-site support to multiple agricultural operations, such as livestock breeding and insemination providers, farm labor contractors, crop support providers, and livestock veterinarians.
 - Food production workers, such as dairy plant employees, fruit and vegetable processing plant employees, and animal slaughtering and processing employees.
 - Retail food workers, such as employees at grocery stores, convenience stores, and gas stations that also sell groceries.
 - Hunger relief personnel, including people involved in charitable food distribution, community food and housing providers, social services employees who are involved in food distribution, and emergency relief workers.

Non-Frontline Essential Health Care Personnel (Anticipate April - May)

- SDMAC defines non-frontline essential health care personnel as personnel who are not involved in direct patient care but are essential for health system infrastructure. These staff are often affiliated with hospitals, but non-hospital employee non-frontline employees are also included. Categories of non-frontline essential health care personnel job titles and settings include:
 - Public health
 - Emergency management
 - Cyber security
 - Health care critical supply chain functions, including the production, manufacturing, and distribution of vaccine
 - Support roles, such as cleaning, HVAC, and refrigeration, critical to health system function

Congregate Living Facility Staff and Residents (Anticipate April - May)

- Staff and residents of congregate living facilities. Some settings in this group may be non-voluntary or provide services to marginalized populations - meaning residents do not have the resources or choice to mitigate exposure. According to SDMAC's guidance, congregate living facility staff and residents include those living or working in:

- **Employer-based housing:** Housing provided by an employer for three or more unrelated individuals that share bedrooms.
- **Housing serving the elderly or people with disabilities:** Residents of housing that meets the definitions of an adult family home, independent living apartments, community-based residential facility, residential care complex, state center for the disabled, mental health institute, and county-based center for the disabled.
- **Shelters:** Shelter provided to those who are homeless and/or in need of protection (for example, domestic violence shelters).
- **Transitional housing:** A project that is designed to provide housing and appropriate supportive services to homeless persons to facilitate movement to independent living when such facilities include shared bedrooms.
- **Incarcerated individuals:** Individuals in jails, prisons, and mental health institutes.

Quarantine Guidance:

- WI DHS has adopted the updated CDC quarantine guidance for fully vaccinated people who are exposed to COVID-19. See Fond du Lac County Health Department's updated [quarantine guidance handout](#). Also available in [Spanish here](#).

Fond du Lac County Safe Restart Guidelines and Recommendations:

- Fond du Lac County is now in Phase 2 of the Fond du Lac County Safe Restart.
 - Phase 2 specific recommendations are to limit capacity within non-essential businesses, bars, restaurants and organizations to 50% and to limit private, indoor social gatherings to 50 people or less with physical distancing.
 - View the [Safe Restart Recommendations and Metrics here](#).

For additional COVID-19 resources, please visit:

- agnesian.com/covid19 and www.fdlco.wi.gov
 - Sign up [here](#) for email notifications when Fond du Lac County's COVID-19 Vaccine Page has updates available.
- [Agnesian HealthCare's Facebook Page](#) and [Fond du Lac County Health Department's Facebook Page](#)
- [WI DHS COVID-19 Vaccine website](#)
 - Every Friday, WI DHS sends a COVID-19 Response and Vaccination Progress newsletter via email to those who sign up to receive it. Sign up for the newsletter [here](#).
 - WI DHS now has a [map of COVID-19 vaccine providers available](#).
- [WI DHS COVID-19 Vaccine Data](#)
 - As of Feb. 26 at 10am, a total of 16,399 (15.9%) Fond du Lac County residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine. 8,265 residents have completed the vaccine series.
 - A total of 11,187 (56.9%) Fond du Lac County residents age 65+ have received at least one dose of vaccine.